



National Transportation Safety Board

Concan, Texas

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- 2007 Dodge Ram pickup
 - 20-year-old driver
 - Northbound
- 2004 Ford Turtle Top Van Terra bus
 - 13 passengers
 - 66-year-old driver
 - Southbound



Crash Sequence and Scene

- Truck crossed centerline
- Struck left front of bus
- Witnesses reported bus operating safely
- Bus speed 60–62 mph
- Speed limit 70 mph



Precrash Video of Truck Operation

- Cell phone video of truck
- Crossed edgeline 37 times
- Crossed centerline 19 times
- Outside travel lane 67% of time
- Estimated speed of truck: 69 mph



Bus Damage



Truck Damage



Drugs Found in Truck



Injury Information

- Fatalities (13)
 - Bus driver
 - 12 bus passengers
- Serious injuries (2)
 - Truck driver
 - 1 bus passenger

On-Scene Staff

- Jennifer Morrison
- David Rayburn
- Rafael Marshall, PhD
- David Pereira
- Ronald Kaminski
- Michele Beckjord
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Investigator-in-Charge

Highway Factors

Human Performance

Vehicle Factors

Survival Factors

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Biomechanics

Crash Reconstruction

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Parties to Investigation

- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Freedman Seating Company
- Turtle Top, Inc.

Noncontributing Factors

- Qualification and familiarity with vehicles/roadway
- Highway and weather
- Mechanical condition of either vehicle
- Bus driver medical condition, fatigue, impairment by alcohol or other drugs, or cell phone distraction
- Truck driver cell phone distraction

Safety Issues

- Drug-impaired driving
 - Detection of drug-impaired drivers
 - Drug-impaired driving countermeasures
- Medium-size bus seat belt systems